

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan

***AGENDA***

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment
3. Open bids for gravel & trench at Silver Mountain Recreation Area
4. Open bids for snow plowing and walkway clearing at the Moran Township Hall
5. Discuss ad for a Sexton contracted position
6. Approve Resolution of Thanks for Kyle J. Brow
7. Share emails received concerning the work being done at the Heart of the Great Turtle
8. Discuss the release of monies to Laura Cook for her house fire
9. Go over a refund received from Mackinac County Road Commission
10. Discuss the handling of the SAFA millage money and need for an attorney's opinion
11. Fred Strich will address the board concerning various issues
12. Approve budget amendment
13. Old Business & Updates
  - a. Extension of contract for sale of U.S. 2 property to November 30, 2025
  - b. All tree debris has been cleaned up
  - c. Offers on the equipment at the hill
14. New Business
  - a. Cut to State Revenue Sharing
15. Adjourn

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supr Dionne called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM DST with the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Supr Dionne, Clerk Vallier, Treas Sovey and Trustees Spencer and Paquin  
ABSENT: NONE  
CITIZENS: Paul & Sharon MacDonald, Jennie Therrian, Mr. & Mrs. Spierling, Matt LaTour, Stan Antkobika, Darby Darrow, Wes Therrian, Fred Strich and St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr.

**At this time a moment of silence given for Jim Fenlon, Chairman of Moran Township Zoning Board, due to his passing on November 4, 2025.**

**MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT:**

**MOTION BY PAQUIN, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2025.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**OPEN BIDS FOR GRAVEL & TRENCH AT SILVER MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA:**

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| 1. H & S EXCAVATING                     | \$92,000.00 |
| 2. SPIERLING TRUCKING & EXCAVATING, INC | \$74,228.00 |
| 3. DARROW BROTHERS EXCAVATING, INC.     | \$70,891.85 |

**MOTION BY PAQUIN, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE BID PRESENTED BY DARROW BROTHERS EXCAVATING, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,891.85, FOR GRAVELING & TRENCHING A ROAD AT SILVER MOUNTAIN AREA.**

**OPEN BIDS FOR SNOWPLOWING & WALKWAY CLEARING:**

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| 1. B & B SNOWPLOWING | \$40 PER PLOW, PLUS 5 YEAR CONTRACT |
| 2. J & T SERVICES    | \$100 PER PLOW                      |

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT BID AS PRESENTED FROM B & B SNOWPLOWING, AT \$40 PER PLOW WITH A 5-YEAR CONTRACT.**

**DISCUSS WORDING FOR AD FOR A CONTRACTED SEXTON POSITION:**

Discussed wording for an ad to be placed in The St. Ignace News for a contracted Sexton position at the Gros Cap Cemetery and Brevort’s Western Cemetery.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO KYLE J. BROW (RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO MINUTES)**

**EMAILS:**

Emails received concerning work being done at the Heart of the Great Turtle, were shared with Board members, Insurance Company and Township Attorney.

**FIRE WITHHOLDING ACT FUNDS:**

The fire at W416 Portage has been cleared, therefore releasing “Withholding Funds”. A check for \$16,025.00 has been released to property owner Laura Cook.

**REFUND MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:**

Upon performing an invoice audit for Moran Township 2025 Road Agreements, it was found invoices were not adjusted to the contractor’s actual cost. The error prompted a full audit of previous years invoicing and it was found that the 2024 invoices were also not adjusted to the contractor’s final cost. The total 2024/2025 refunded amount was \$169,613.93.

**SAFA MILLAGE MONEY:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY PAQUIN (CARRIED) FOR TOWNSHIP TO PAY AN ATTORNEY FOR AN OPINION ON HANDLING OF STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY (SAFA) MILLAGE MONEY.**

**ZONING ADM STRICH REPORT:**

1. Strich reports the Planning Commission has adopted the updated Master Plan. Finalization has been sent to Wade Trim.
2. A food truck would like to set up in the Township. Strich states he will need a Peddlers Permit. The last issued Peddlers Permit was in 1988. Peddlers Permit very outdated, needs to be revised. Will turn over to the Planning Commission. At this time a Zoning Permit was issued.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

**MOTION BY PAQUIN, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO INCREASE BY \$4000 TO 1101-703-703 SHORT TERM RENTAL DEPUTY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Extension of contract for the sale of U.S. 2 property to November 30, 2025.
2. All tree debris has been cleaned up.
3. Offer on the equipment at the hill.
  - a. Mt. Holiday is a local nonprofit dedicated to providing affordable outdoor recreation and youth development programs for Traverse City families. An offer of \$60,000 was presented for the snow groomer. A roll call vote was taken:

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY PAQUIN TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF \$60,000 FOR THE SNOW GROOMER:**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>SUPR DIONNE</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CLERK VALLIER</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>TREAS SOVEY</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>TRUSTEE SPENCER</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>TRUSTEE PAQUIN</b>	<b>YES</b>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Auction sale of personal items
- 2.
3. at the Rubin property was well attended.
4. Robin Kissinger has built a wind chime for Silver Mountain and will have a viewing at the St. Ignace Library on November 14 from 6-8 PM.
5. Trustee Paquin attended the EMS meeting on October 21 and reports they approved a budget for one more year.
6. 2025-2026 State Revenue Sharing has cut Moran Township's share by \$2,769  
22025-2026 \$108,205

**TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 12,075.60**

**TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND EFT'S: \$ 35,298.05**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM EST.**

**SIGNED: *Kristine R. Vallier*  
Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

**APPROVED: DECEMBER 3, 2025**